the Central Government for conveyance of letters. It however, does not impose any restriction for conveyance of other articles such as packets, parcels and documents etc. by anyone including the private operators commonly known as couriers. With the approval of the Parliament the Government intends to bring in comprehensive amendment to the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, applicable to all players in the postal sector.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

5264. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to install electronic telephone exchanges in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the allocations made for the purpose for 2001-02?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is planned to add 351500 lines Net Switching Capacity of Wired lines and WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) in Rajasthan during 2002-2003, which will be distributed throughout the state based on demand.

(c) During 2001-2002, 249300 lines of net Capacity was allocated.

STD/ISD/PCO Booths in Rajasthan

5265. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minsiter of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications for STD/ISD/PCO booths in all the telecom circles of Rajasthan are pending with Government for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasosn therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir, Applications for allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs are pending for more than two years only in some areas of 4 telecom districts of Rajasthan namely Banswara, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Pali.

(b) These are pendign due to non-availability of STD facility in the exchanges, inadequate junctions and technical non feasibility.

(c) The steps taken include installation of Wireless in Local Loop equipment laying of undergound cables and Optical Fiber Cable links.

Internet Facilities in Rajasthan

5266. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the cities of Rajasthan where internet facilities have been provided during 2000-01 or proposed to be provided, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) All the cities in Rajasthan have been provided Internet facilities during 2000-2001.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

CII's Ten Point Agenda for Promotion of Hot Sites

5267. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has proposed a ten point agenda for promotion of hot sites in India by a consortium of call centre companies, based on the need and demand equation as per the DoT guidelines;

(b) whether these hot sites have been proposed with a view to keep the operations on even in the event of disasters like earthquakes, fire,